

THREE GERMAN ATTACKS BROKEN

French Describe Artillery and Infantry Battle Fought Near Reims.

Paris, France, March 6.—How French troops, by the most desperate kind of fighting, held their own against three German infantry attacks, supplemented by heavy artillery bombardments, is described in a semi-official note issued by the French war office.

North of La Doupelle, on the road from Reims to Chalons, the possession of a little inn at La Perthe Alleur had been hotly contested since September. The Germans had tried every means to dislodge us by the use of mines, projectiles and bombs from aeroplanes.

Three Towns Bombarded. A violent cannonade was begun in the afternoon of the preceding day along the entire front. Helms, Pethony and Pevny were bombarded all night by guns of every caliber.

PEGUOD, "UPSIDE DOWN" FLIER, IS DECORATED

Paris, France, March 6.—For services rendered the French army during the war, Adolphe Pegoud, the famous aviator, has been awarded the military medal. It is announced officially.

The announcement says that Pegoud on several occasions piloted an enemy aeroplane and on Feb. 2 attacked at a great height and caused the fall of a German machine. Soon afterward he attacked two other aircraft, causing the first to fall and the second to land.

Pegoud first came into fame in 1913 as the originator of the feat of flying up side down in an aeroplane while making experiments for obtaining safety in the air. A short time later he enhanced this reputation for daring by performing for the first time by an aviator of looping the loop. For his experiments Pegoud was awarded the decoration of the Legion of Honor.

Several times since the outbreak of the war Pegoud has come into notice. On August 20 he returned to Paris from the front to get a new aeroplane, his old one having been riddled by the enemy's bullets. He was mentioned in dispatches for valor in November and late in January was reported to have destroyed a German explosive depot by dropping bombs on it.

FRENCH ESTIMATE GERMAN LOSSES AT 3,000,000 MEN

Paris, France, March 6.—An official note issued by the French press bureau declares that the German losses since the beginning of hostilities in killed, wounded, sick and prisoners reaches the total of 3,000,000 men.

ITALIAN RESERVE "NONCOMS" ARE CALLED TO COLORS

London, Eng., March 6.—The Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company sends word that the reserve non-commissioned officers of four classes were called today to join the colors.

ALLES PREPARE FOR ONSLAUGHT

Approach of Spring Finds Nations Preparing For a Drive Against Germany.

London, Eng., March 6.—The end of the first week of the war and the first signs of better weather conditions after a hard winter, find the allied armies in the western theater nearing readiness for that concerted onslaught on the Germans in the preparation for which Gen. Joffre and field marshal Sir John French have been doing so much hard work during the last four months.

From the sea through the dunes of Flanders to Arras in France, the British and the Belgian armies appear to have withstood successfully all the attempts of the Germans to break through their lines, while from Arras to the Vosges the French continue to rush slowly forward. This is especially true in the Champagne district, although the skillful German commanders exact a heavy price for every step gained in this section.

The unqualified optimism with which, judging from the trend of the comment in the London newspapers today, the allied press is regarding the struggle is regarded in Great Britain, France and Russia, can be attributed largely to the remarkable recuperative powers shown by the troops of emperor Nicholas. These soldiers, in spite of the fierce blows of the German armies under Von Hindenburg, have been able not only to bring Tatonic progress to a standstill, but to push the invaders back along virtually the whole front until at one point at least, it is admitted in Berlin, the fighting has again moved very near to the east Prussian frontier.

TURKEY DEFENDS CAPITAL

Another event which is adding to the security with which the allies today regard the future is the picture of British, French and Russian warships hammering at the gates of the capital of Turkey with such success, apparently, that Turkey already has resigned she has had enough of the Egyptian venture and is now rushing her troops back to defend Constantinople.

ARTILLERY COMBAT IS LIVELY

The French war office this afternoon gave out at Paris the following account of the events of Friday at the front.

Somewhat lively artillery actions occurred around Ni-sport and Ypres. From the Lys to the Aisne there was an intermittent cannonade. In Champagne our progress northward of Boursjoeur caused the Germans Friday night to undertake fresh counter attacks which were repulsed. Near Viville-Haic, northwest of Pont-A-Mousson, a well directed fire upon a farm caused a panic among the soldiers occupying it. They fled to the woods, pursued by our shells.

COURT GIVES LITTLE GIRL TO HER ADOPTED MOTHER

Bath, March 6.—The daughter of Wright Hourston, of Columbus, N. H., is to remain in the custody of Mrs. Lucinda Hoell, according to an order of the court in the habeas corpus hearing held in the first district court, Friday afternoon.

Hourston sued out a writ of habeas corpus to secure possession of his daughter, on the grounds that he was now able to care for the child. The woman respondent said she had legally adopted the child.

CHAMPIONSHIP IS WON BY ROSWELL

New Mexico Team Defeats All Others in Rifle Shoot of Military Schools.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, N. M., is the winner of the rifle shooting championship of the military schools of the country, having won all of the seven matches and outscored the series with a percentage of 96.7 for the grand aggregate.

Results of the series announced today show that New York Military academy won second place. Class B league was won by Morgan Park Illinois academy, whose final record was 92.4 percent of all matches shot.

SEAS CONGRATULATIONS

Assistant U. S. District Judge Brockridge has telegraphed congratulations to the winner of the championship. Scores in the last competition follow: Class A.—New Mexico Roswell 97 vs. Harvard, Los Angeles 53.

UTAH GOVERNOR REBUKES "DRYS"

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 6.—Governor Spry of Utah administered a vigorous rebuke Friday night to "dry" senators for trying to force into his hands the state wide prohibition bill which had just been passed.

Under the constitution the governor is required to approve or veto a measure within five days after he receives it when the legislature is in session, otherwise the bill becomes law. Sundays and holidays are not considered in computing the time. If the governor had received the bill Friday he would be required to act on it not later than next Thursday, the last day of the legislative session.

"WETS" ATTEMPTED DELAY

The "wets" of the senate endeavored unsuccessfully to hold up the signing of the bill until Friday, but it was signed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house late in the afternoon and was then ready for the governor. The governor had left his office for the day, so a committee of three senators was appointed to endeavor to find him and deliver the bill to him. The governor heard of the appointment of the committee, and instead of waiting for the committee to find him, sought the committee in a leading hotel. He found the committee in the main lobby of the hotel and censured the members strongly for sacrificing the dignity of the state by becoming messengers.

FOUR WRITERS, MEN AND WOMEN, HELD FOR INQUIRY

Kansas City, Mo., March 6.—J. A. Boyle, alias J. J. Moore, said to be the author of a series of criminal fiction stories penned while he was an inmate of the Colorado state prison, was arrested here today after the arrest of three companions—two women and a man. All are held for investigation at the request of Francis M. Wilson, United States district attorney.

IOWA GOVERNOR SIGNS SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Des Moines, Ia., March 6.—The woman's suffrage amendment recently passed by the Iowa legislature was signed by Gov. Cieske this afternoon. The amendment must have the sanction of the next general assembly before its submission to the voters. The present assembly has before it a bill to permit a vote on the amendment at the primaries next year.

SLIDES CLOSE CANAL TO ALL BUT LIGHT SHIPS

Panama, March 6.—The Panama canal has been closed to all but the lighter draft ships, by a rapid slide of earth from the top of the Culebra cut at a point north of Gold Hill. A further slide is probable but no serious flood is expected.

CATTLE ARE IMPORTED

Imports of cattle at the port of El Paso continue to be heavy. Thursday 230 head was imported and Friday 800 more were closed. The lot for T. A. Garrett and 150 for George Holman. One car of guayules from the Tucson district was also entered.

BICYCLE DAMAGED BY AUTO

Juan Seguierez suffered damage to a bicycle when an automobile bearing license number 222 ran into him on Magoffin avenue Saturday morning. H. H. Barry was later arrested, charged with reckless driving.

Notice

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MINUTE BOOK OF BANK IS MISSING

State College President and Member of Faculty Have Fight at Hearing.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 6.—The minute book of the First State bank of Las Cruces, containing all the formal records of the corporation and regarded as invaluable evidence in the effort to substantiate charges against the president and directors now under bond, is missing.

It is alleged that it was last seen in the room where the hearing was held at Las Cruces just before the assault by president T. K. H. Smith, of the bank, upon attorney Isaac Holloman on Wednesday. Receiver Clapp of the bank is conducting a thorough investigation.

A heated encounter occurred this morning between president George H. Lord of the college and Prof. H. H. Jure of the faculty, it is said. The hearing was resumed at 2 o'clock today in the capitol building in Santa Fe.

PROMISED TO PLAY RACES AND WIN \$150. IS COMPLAINT

An indictment has been returned against Matt Parrell and wife, charging them with theft of over \$50. The couple are charged with having secured \$150 from Mrs. M. Barber, an aged woman, with the promise that they would play the races and recover for her \$150, she alleges.

EL PASOAN BUYS WELLS FARM NEAR SAN MIGUEL

La Mesa, N. M., March 6.—T. L. Wells has sold his farm, northwest of San Miguel to A. W. Bittick of El Paso.

The Wells farm is comprised of 45 acres, the greater portion of which is in alfalfa. There are a few fruit trees. A large dwelling house with all modern conveniences and good outbuildings are on the place. The terms are private, there being an exchange of property in El Paso. Mr. Bittick will take possession the first of April. T. L. and Mrs. Wells will locate in El Paso.

EXPOSITION ATTENDANCE SO FAR IS 1,365,256

San Francisco, Calif., March 6.—The total attendance at the Panama-Pacific exposition for the first two weeks ending Friday night, was officially announced today as 1,365,256, an approximate average of 74,000 a day. The largest single day for the second week was last Sunday, with 87,000. The first week's attendance was 679,998 the second 685,258.

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